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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Sean C. Semple, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/122,588

Filed: July 23, 1998

For: LIPOSOMAL COMPOSITIONS FOR  
THE DELIVERY OF NUCLEIC ACID  
CATALYSTS

Examiner: M. Schmidt

Art Unit: 1635

PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

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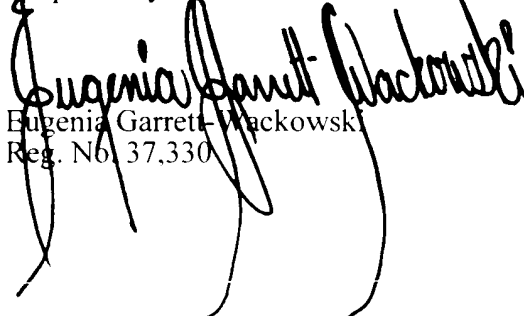
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated May 27, 1999 for three months, from August 27, 1999 to November 27, 1999. An appropriate response to the Office Action in the form of an amendment is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$435 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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